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ESTABLISHMENT OF HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN CONSULATES IN
WEST BERLIN

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1. AT DECEMBER 14 BONN GROUP MEETING,FRG REPS INFORMED
ALLIED REPS THAT VAN WELL HAD SUCCEEDED IN REACHING
AGREEMENT WITH HUNGARIANS AND BULGARIANS AND THAT
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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN EACH AND THE FRG WOULD BE

ESTABLISHED DECEMBER 21. AS HAD BEEN WORKED OUT QUADRIPARTITELY (SEE REFTEL B), VAN WELL INFORMED THE HUNGARIANS AND THE BULGARIANS THAT THE THREE ALLIES AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ESTABLISHMENT WSB OF CONSULATES GENERAL BY THE TWO EES, SAYING THAT THE ALLIES THEMSELVES WOULD BE SO INFORMING THEM DIRECTLY. FOR THEIR PART, THE TWO EES AGREED THAT FRG CONSULAR REPRESENTATION OF WSB RESIDENTS WOULD GO INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. REGARDING LEGAL ASSISTANCE, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WITH EACH EE THAT THE QUESTION WOULD BE NEGOTIATED OUT AFTER ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS, AS WAS AGREED WITH PRAGUE, ON THE BASIS OF THE "MOSCOW FORMULA" (SEE BONN'S 17313, 17156 AND 16963).

2. FOLLOWING TEXT FOR USE BY EACH OF THREE ALLIES (WITH APPROPRIATE ALTERATIONS FOR EACH) IN REPLYING TO SOFIA'S AND BUDAPEST'S JUNE 1973 NOTES REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT CONSULATES GENERAL IN WSSB WAS APPROVED AD REF FOR CONSIDERATION OF CAPITALS. BEGIN TEXT: THE EMBASSY OF THE USA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE MINISTRY'S NOTE OF JUNE 31, 1973 HAS THE HONOR TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

IN THE ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE MINISTRY'S NOTE WAS PASSED VIA THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BONN TO THE COMPETENT US AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN. THE DECISION OF THOSE AUTHORITIES HAVING BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BONN, THIS EMBASSY IS NOW AUTHORIZED TO STATE THAT THE US COMMANDANT IN BERLIN AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT IN THE AMERICAN SECTOR OF BERLIN OF A CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY. UPON SUBMISSION IN THE ESTABLISHED WAY, THE US COMMANDANT IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR ACCREDITATION OF A CONSUL GENERAL. (FORMAL CLOSE) END TEXT. TEXT, WHICH WAS TABLED BY EMBASSY AND WHICH CLOSELY FOLLOWS USBER'S COMMENTS REFTEL A, FOUND STRONG FRENCH FAVOR, WHILE UK CONFIDENTIAL

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REP (CROMARTIE) ARGUED AT LENGTH THAT OPENING SENTENCE PARA TWO REGARDING TRANSMISSION OF NOTES VIA BONN EMBASSIES TO MISSIONS BERLIN WAS "CONFUSING AND UNNECESSARY." CROMARTIE ARGUED THAT MENTION "ESTABLISHED WAY" IN LAST SENTENCE WAS SUFFICIENT TO MAKE THE POINT. FRENCH REP (PAYE), POINT THAT HANDLING OF HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN REQUESTS WAS NOT IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PROCEDURE.

FRENCH REP (PAYE), ON THE OTHER HAND, MADE IT CLEAR THAT BRITISH SUGGESTIONS OF EITHER A JOINT NOTE FROM THE ALLIES COLLECTIVELY OR A REFERENCE IN SEPARATE NOTES TO A JOINT DECISION OF THE ALLIED COMMANDANTS IN BERLIN WERE UNACCEPTABLE.

3. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: WE BELIEVE THAT TEXT ABOVE PROTECTS ALLIED POSITION BUT AT SAME TIME MEETS FRG NEEDS, AND RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT APPROVE IT FOR DELIVERY BY US EMBASSIES BULGARIA AND HUNGARY TO RESPECTIVE FONOFFS. WITH ESTABLISHMENT RELATIONS SET FOR DECEMBER 21 FRG REQUESTS DELIVERY ALLIED REPLIES DECEMBER 19.

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